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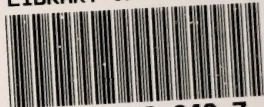
[THIS Sonnet by Robert Browning addressed to the memory of his parents—from a MS. in the handwriting of Miss Browning—was among the papers disposed of at the Browning Sale in May 1913.—EDITOR.]

WORDS I might else have been compelled
to say
In silence to my heart,—great love, great
praise
Of thee, my Father—have been freely said
By those whom none shall blame; and
while thy life
Endures, a beautiful thing, in their record
I may desist; but thou art not alone:

They lay beside thee whom thou lovest
most;
Soft sanctuary-tapers of thy house,
Close-curtained when the Priest came forth,
—on these
Let peace be, peace on thee, my Mother
too!
The child that never knew you, and the
Girl
In whom your gentle souls seemed born
again
To bless us longer. Peace like yours be
mine
Till the same quiet home receives us all.

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